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For : TREATMENT AND DIAGNOSIS OF AN INFERTILITY CONDITION
USING TGF β OR ACTIVIN

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

The above referenced U.S. National Phase of International Application PCT/AU98/00149 is submitted with existing amendments under Article 19 and Article 34 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

Applicant respectfully requests the United States application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel all existing claims in this application and substitute the following:

50. A method of treating an infertility condition in a human or mammal by exposure of a prospective mother to one or more antigens of a prospective father and to substantially purified TGF β or an effective derivative or analog thereof before attempted conception to elicit an immune reaction leading to tolerance to said one or more antigens to thereby alleviate symptoms of the infertility condition.

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